

## FIVE DISTINCT TYPES OF SHIPS IN FLEET

Progress In America's "New Navy" Represented by the Sixteen Fighting Machines.

OLDEST LAUNCHED TEN YEARS AGO

Even Now the Kearsarge and Kentucky, Which Were the First of the Real Modern Battleships, Are Able to Make a Showing Beside the Latest and Most Improved.

There are five distinct types of battleships in the Atlantic fleet, each type being representative of a different epoch in the history of American naval architecture. The sister-ships Kearsarge and Kentucky are the oldest ships in this great armada, they being the first battleships designed for America's "new navy." They were launched a month prior to the Spanish-American War and were commissioned in 1899.

The Illinois and Alabama, sister-ships, were the next vessels designed, being commissioned one year after the Kearsarge and Kentucky. These vessels differ from any other in the navy in that their two smoke funnels are set starboard and port instead of fore and aft.

Following the Illinois-Alabama class came the sister-ships Missouri, Maine and Ohio. They were completed in 1901 and are considerably larger than their forerunners. Like the Illinois and Alabama, they carry no 8-inch guns. They were the first battleships on which the new type of 12-inch rifle was installed.

The sister-ships Virginia, Georgia, Rhode Island and New Jersey were the next battleships to be designed. They were completed in 1905 and are a distinct improvement over the previous classes in size, speed and armament.

### Five Largest and Newest.

The newest, largest and most improved ships of the fleet are the sister-ships Connecticut, Louisiana, Minnesota, Vermont and Kansas, which were completed this year. These five battleships are among the largest and most powerful warships in the world. They have three large smoke funnels and two military masts set fore and aft and carry six big turrets, two mounting two 12-inch guns each and four mounting two 8-inch rifles each. The 12-inch turrets are located on the center line just fore and aft of the superstructure and the 8-inch turrets are located two on the port side and two on the starboard side. These vessels have a broadside fire of four 12-inch guns, four 8-inch guns, six 7-inch guns and ten 3-inch guns. In a stern chase they could bring two 12-inch guns, four 8-inch guns and two 7-inch guns to bear on an enemy. They carry a total of 74 guns, including 6-pounders and field guns.

They are well protected against the fire of an enemy, the hull, turrets and superstructure being heavily armored. The waterline belt of hull armor is eleven inches thick amidships, affording ample protection to the boilers and engines. Above this belt the hull is protected by two other armor belts, one six inches thick and the other seven inches thick. These belts, however, do not extend from stem to stern as does the waterline belt. The 12-inch turrets are protected by armor twelve inches in thickness and the 8-inch turrets are protected by seven inch armor.

The vessels have a speed of 18 knots an hour and are of about 18,500 tons full load displacement.

### Ships With Superposed Turrets.

Like the Connecticut class, the four battleships of the Virginia class have three smoke funnels and two military masts and carry two 12-inch gun turrets and four 8-inch gun turrets. They are easily distinguishable from the Connecticut type, however, by their superposed turrets, two of the 8-inch gun turrets being mounted on top of the two 12-inch gun turrets, which are located on the center line just forward and aft of the superstructure. The other two 8-inch turrets are located just forward of amidships, one on the port side and the other on the starboard side.

The Virginia class ships have a greater broadside and forward fire than those of the Connecticut class. The broadside fire includes four 12-inch guns, six 8-inch guns, six 6-inch guns and six 3-inch guns. Firing dead ahead they can bring two 12-inch guns, six 8-inch guns and two 6-inch guns into play.

These vessels also have a greater speed than the Connecticut class, all four of them having exceeded 19 knots an hour on their official trials. They are of about 16,500 tons full load displacement.

They have about the same armor protection as the vessels of the Connecticut class.

### No Eight-Inch Guns.

Although considerably smaller than the ships of the Virginia class, the



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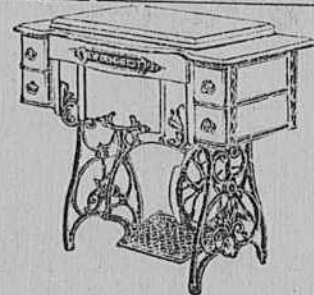
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battleships Missouri, Ohio and Maine would be dangerous antagonists for any of the vessels of this fleet. They also carry three smoke funnels and two military masts, but are distinguishable from the other vessels of the fleet by the absence of the 8-inch gun turrets. They have a broadside fire of four 12-inch rifles, eight 6-inch rifles and three 3-inch rifles. They are protected by armor of the same general thickness as that of the Virginia and Connecticut classes.

These three ships are of about 13,500 tons full load displacement and have a speed of 18 knots an hour. The Illinois and Alabama are slightly smaller than the Missouri class, being of about 12,000 tons full load displacement and 380 feet long and 72 feet broad. They have a speed of 17.5 knots an hour and have a broadside fire of four 12-inch rifles and seven 6-inch rifles. Their hulls, turrets and superstructure are well protected by heavy armor.

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### Kearsarge and Kentucky.

In the opinion of many naval officers, the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky, the oldest vessels of the fleet, are the most formidable vessels in the great armada excepting those of the Connecticut and Virginia types. They carry two 8-inch gun turrets mounted on top of the two 12-inch gun turrets, and have a broadside fire of four 12-inch guns, four 8-inch guns, and seven 5-inch guns.

These vessels differ from any of the other ships of the armada in that they have only two smoke funnels, which are located fore and aft of amidships. They also have two military masts. Although designed for only 16 knots an hour, the vessels are

rated at 17 knots and during a forced draft run up the coast from Cuba last spring they developed 17.5 knots an hour.

The Kearsarge and Kentucky carry heavier armor than any other warships in the United States navy, the waterline armor belt being 16 inches thick and the turret armor 17 inches thick.

The Norwegian steamship Liv, which arrived here from St. Lucia several days ago will load a cargo of coal for Kingston, Jamaica.

### YOSTS MAYORALTY BY RECOUNT

College Professor Who Has Run for Five Years Not Discouraged

MALDEN, MASS., Dec. 14.—Professor George Howard Fall, Citizens candidate, who on the face of the returns was elected Mayor of the city by a small majority, last Tuesday, lost his title to the office as the result of the recount of votes. Professor Fall's plurality over George Lewis Richards, the Republican candidate, was sixty, according to the returns, but the recount gives the election to Mr. Richards by a plurality of thirty-nine.

Mr. Fall is a professor of Roman law at Boston University. He has been a candidate for mayor each year for the last five years, and has stated that he proposes to continue to be a candidate each year until he is successful.

### Dr. Porter to Speak.

At the meeting for men at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Porter, D. D., will be the speaker. Dr. Porter's subject will be "Selling His Soul For a Dinner." All men are invited to attend the meeting.

## Tabulated Facts About the Fleet.

|              | Length. | Tons.   | Speed. | Guns. | Officers. | Men.   | Horse-Power. | Coal Supply (Tons). | Cost.        |
|--------------|---------|---------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Connecticut  | 450     | 16,000  | 18     | 74    | 50        | 950    | 16,500       | 2,200               | \$6,071,066  |
| Louisiana    | 450     | 16,000  | 18     | 74    | 41        | 950    | 16,500       | 2,200               | 5,746,243    |
| Vermont      | 450     | 16,000  | 18     | 74    | 41        | 840    | 16,500       | 2,200               | 5,214,911    |
| Kansas       | 450     | 16,000  | 18     | 74    | 41        | 840    | 16,500       | 2,200               | 5,174,911    |
| Minnesota    | 450     | 16,000  | 18     | 74    | 41        | 840    | 16,500       | 2,200               | 5,214,911    |
| Georgia      | 435     | 14,948  | 19     | 66    | 45        | 820    | 15,000       | 1,700               | 5,338,447    |
| Virginia     | 435     | 14,948  | 19     | 66    | 45        | 820    | 15,000       | 1,700               | 5,228,403    |
| Rhode Island | 435     | 14,948  | 19     | 66    | 40        | 820    | 15,000       | 1,700               | 5,265,524    |
| New Jersey   | 435     | 14,948  | 19     | 66    | 40        | 820    | 15,000       | 1,700               | 5,244,852    |
| Minnesota    | 450     | 16,000  | 18     | 74    | 41        | 840    | 16,500       | 2,200               | 5,247,065    |
| Maine        | 388     | 12,500  | 18     | 44    | 35        | 680    | 15,600       | 1,800               | 5,258,260    |
| Ohio         | 388     | 12,500  | 18     | 44    | 35        | 680    | 15,600       | 1,800               | 5,381,081    |
| Alabama      | 368     | 11,552  | 17     | 44    | 35        | 650    | 15,600       | 1,800               | 5,265,309    |
| Illinois     | 368     | 11,552  | 17     | 51    | 35        | 650    | 12,700       | 1,280               | 4,665,820    |
| Kearsarge    | 368     | 11,520  | 17     | 56    | 35        | 650    | 11,700       | 1,500               | 4,621,408    |
| Kentucky     | 368     | 11,520  | 17     | 56    | 35        | 650    | 12,100       | 1,500               | 5,043,591    |
| Totals       | 6,626   | 223,436 | —      | 980   | 624       | 12,340 | 253,000      | 28,760              | \$83,764,689 |

The number and calibre of the guns carried by these ships are as follows: 48 12-inch breech-loading rifles; 16 12-inch breech-loading rifles; 80 8-inch breech-loading rifles; 60 7-inch breech-loading rifles; 124 6-inch breech-loading rifles; 28 5-inch rapid-fire rifles; 166 3-inch rapid-fire rifles; 72 6-pounders, 132 3-pounders, and 244 smaller calibre and field guns.

### LOEB TO MANAGE TAFT

President's Secretary Will Conduct Secretary's Campaign.

### SELECTION MEANS A GREAT DEAL

Abundant Proof That Taft Is Still the President's First Choice—Not Believed Any Serious Differences Exist Between Roosevelt and Cortelyou.

### WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.

The report that Secretary Loeb will become manager of the Taft movement has aroused the greatest interest. There has been no such direct and emphatic denial as would satisfy people who do not like the prospect of such a development. Mr. Loeb has, indeed, been diligently managing certain important phases of the Taft movement for some weeks and he has been doing it adroitly and effectively. His definite selection as manager would be evidence that the President is sincere in his purpose of doing everything possible for the War Secretary.

If there has been anything in the development of the last few days to disrupt the friendly relations that always have existed between the

President and Secretary Cortelyou, there are no outward indications. Those persons who happened to be about the White House when the hour for the assembling of the Cabinet arrived saw Secretary Cortelyou enter the President's office in his usual calm and untroubled way.

He left after the meeting was over in just as good spirits as any other member of the Cabinet, and gave every evidence of the existence of relations that enabled him to meet the President to discuss with him and his associates the problems before the administration in the same fashion in which he has discussed them for months past.

### AMERICANS LOSE MEXICAN MINE

Courts Decide Against F. Augustus Heinze and Associates in Case.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14.—The judge of the federal court at Chihuahua has rendered a decision adverse to the American claim to the famous Dolores mine, situated in Santa Lulalia, that state. The mine was purchased more than a year ago by J. P. Hutchins and the representative of F. Augustus Heinze and associates.

When the Americans began work on the property General Juan Hernandez armed men and took possession, claiming title to the mine. The Americans brought suit for recovery of the property, but both the lower and the higher courts decided against them.

### Motorman Fined.

In the police court yesterday J. P. Parrott, a motorman for the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, was fined \$3.50 for exceeding the speed limit for street cars.